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In re Application of:

Jarkko VALTANEN

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For: JOINT ARRANGEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and fee calculation, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- ✓ Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".
- ✓ Claim 4, lines 1-2, change "any of the claims 1-3" to --claim 1--.
- ✓ Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 5".

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. By the foregoing amendment, claims 3, 4, and 6 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and thus reduce the filing fee.

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These amendments to the claims are believed not to introduce any new matter, and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration of this case is respectfully requested.

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